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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress with respect to the establishment at the United Nations of a registration system for international armaments transactions.

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Whereas the Congress is concerned about the fact that the United States and other arms-manufacturing countries have been promoting the export sale of arms; and

Whereas the purchase of arms by developing countries represents a diversion of scarce resources that are desperately needed for productive purposes and creates tensions among the neighboring countries; and

Whereas the secrecy which usually surrounds such arms transactions is undesirable in that it intensifies suspicions and rumors and thus adds to the tensions among neighboring countries, and tends to frustrate the restraints imposed by public opinion and democratic processes; and

Whereas the purposes of the United Nations, as set forth in the charter, include the preservation of peace, the prevention of

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ment in the developing areas: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
- 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that the
- 3 President, acting through the United States delegation to
- 4 the United Nations, should (1) seek, in the appropriate
- 5 forums of the United Nations, agreements among the prin-
- 6 cipal arms suppliers to insure that sales and gifts of arms
- 7 are restricted to minimum levels; and (2) seek to establish
- 8 in and through the United Nations a procedure for full
- 9 public registration of all transactions of this character.